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AMBASSY DELIVER TO US REP - JAMES OFFICER

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SUBJECT: INSTRUCTIONS FOR USREP INTER-AMERICAN INDIAN
INSTITUTE (IAII) DIRECTING COUNCIL MEETING

1. AGENDA ITEM ONE - REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE IAAI
TO THE DIRECTING COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1975-JUNE 1977.
US REP MAY FOLLOW HIS OWN JUDGEMENT COMMENTING ON THE
DIRECTOR'S REPORT. USREP MAY SUPPORT OR INTRODUCE MOTION
TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND CONGRATULATE THE DIRECTOR ON ALL
PHASES OF HIS TENURE.

2. AGENDA ITEM TWO - AFFILIATION OF THE IAAI TO THE
MEXICAN SOCIAL SECURITY INSTITUTE (MSSI). THE DEPARTMENT
CONCURS WITH THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS
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STATED IN HIS REPORT TO THE DIRECTING COUNCIL (ANEXO
CIRCULAR NO. 5) AND ANEXO CIRCULAR NO. 6 ADDRESSED TO
MEMBERS OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL PROVIDED THAT THE
BUDGETARY COMMITMENT REMAINS APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AS
STATED IN THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT. FYI AND USE AS NEEDED:
US CITIZEN EMPLOYEES OF THE OAS ARE COVERED BY US SOCIAL
SECURITY.

3. AGENDA ITEM THREE - AFTER CONSULTING WITH OTHER USG AGENCIES AND REVIEWING RECORDS OF BOTH CANDIDATES, THE

DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT DR. ARZE QUITANILLA OF BOLIVIA IS THE BETTER QUALIFIED CANDIDATE. THE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION TO SUPPORT ARZE IS BASED ON HIS LONG ASSOCIATION WITH HEMISPHERE INDIAN AFFAIRS, BOLIVIA'S LARGE INDIAN POPULATION, AND DEMONSTRATED ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AS MANAGER OAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FIELD PROJECTS.

4. THOUGH MARROQUIN, EL SALVADOR'S CANDIDATE, IS RECOGNIZED AS THE BETTER SCHOLAR, HIS BACKGROUND IS LARGELY ACADEMIC AND HE WOULD PROBABLY BE LESS EFFECTIVE AS DIRECTOR.

5. BOTH BOLIVIAN OAS AND EL SALVADOR OAS MISSIONS INFORMALLY NOTIFIED OF DEPARTMENT'S DECISION.

6. USREP IS AUTHORIZED TO VOTE FOR DR. OSCAR ARZE QUINTANILLA OF BOLIVIA.

7. ACCORDING TO BOLIVIAN OAS MISSION, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE, ECUADOR, PARAGUAY, AND VENEZUELA ARE COMMITTED TO ARZE IN ADDITION TO BOLIVIAN AND US VOTES. GUATEMALA IS UNCOMMITTED, BUT HAD EARLIER HINTED THEY WOULD VOTE WITH THE MAJORITY. IF RUBIO STATEMENT TO HEAPHY THAT MEXICO IS WAITING TO SEE HOW US VOTES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPLIES THAT THEY WOULD VOTE AS THE US DOES, ARZE MAY HAVE ENOUGH VOTES TO WIN ON FIRST BALLOT.

8. INSTRUCTIONS FOR LA PAZ, MEXICO, AND SAN SALVADOR: INFORM RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTRIES OF DEPARTMENT'S DECISION TO SUPPORT ARZE.

9. IN EVENT NEITHER CANDIDATE WINS ON FIRST BALLOT AND IT APPEARS ARZE HAS NO CHANCE OF WINNING ON SUBSEQUENT BALLOTS, USREP AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT MARROQUIN IN SUBSEQUENT BALLOTS. IF NEITHER CANDIDATE WINS AFTER SEVERAL BALLOTS, DELAY COULD BE SUGGESTED BEFORE FURTHER BALLOTING.

10. PARAGRAPH 10 THROUGH 14 DEAL WITH: RUBIO ORBE'S SUGGESTION THAT HIS TENURE BE EXTENDED THROUGH THE VIII INTER-AMERICAN INDIAN CONGRESS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 24-29, 1977 IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA.

11. ARTICLE NINE, PARAGRAPH ONE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION RELATIVE TO INTER AMERICAN INDIAN CONFERENCES AND THE INTER-AMERICAN INDIAN INSTITUTE, 1940, STATES IN

PART QUOTE HE (THE DIRECTOR) SHALL RETAIN OFFICE FOR SIX YEARS END QUOTE.

12. TO EXTEND RUBIO ORBE FOR THE TIME HE SUGGESTS WOULD APPEAR TO REQUIRE AMENDMENT TO THE CONVENTION. RUBIO'S APPARENT REASON FOR REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF HIS LEGAL TENURE IS SO THAT HE MAY PRESENT HIS FINAL REPORT AT THE VIII CONGRESS AS THE INSTITUTE'S DIRECTOR.

13. US REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD OPPOSE SUCH AN EXTENSION ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD VIOLATE THE CONVENTION. THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL FACTOR OF CONCERN -THIS COULD SET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A PRECEDENT THAT FUTURE DIRECTORS OF THE INSTITUTE COULD CITE AS REASON FOR EXTENDING THEIR TENURE FOR EVEN LONGER AND PERHAPS INDETERMINATE PERIODS OF TIME. THE DEPARTMENT SEES AS A SOLUTION THAT IF RUBIO NOT PRESENT AS DELEGATE, THE INSTITUTE COULD INVITE HIM TO CARACAS TO EXPLAIN HIS FINAL REPORT.

14. TO FACILITATE TURNOVER TO DIRECTOR US REP CAN SUGGEST CARRYING DR. RUBIO AS A CONSULTANT AFTER THE INVESTITURE OF THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED ONE MONTH.

15. IF EMBASSY AND US REP DEEM IT APPROPRIATE, RUBIO AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MAY BE INFORMED US POSITION PRIOR TO DIRECTING COUNCIL MEETING.
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